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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY MINISTER OF HEALTH OF ITALY
AND SECRETARY CALIFANO

REF ; MILAN 1032; STATE 148896; STATE 169070; ROME 12183;
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1. HEW APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S CONFIRMATION THAT SEPTEMBER 6-9 DATES FOR VISIT OF MINISTER OF HEALTH DAL FALCO ARE SUITABLE. SECRETARY CALIFANO IS SENDING VIA AMEMBASSY TO DAL FALCO A REPLY TO HIS LETTER, ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF VISITS; INDICATING THAT CALIFANO WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE DAL FALCO ON SEPTEMBER 6 AND TO BE HOST AT A LUNCHEON FOR HIM ON THAT DAY; AND STATING THAT HEW WILL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE A SUITABLE ITINERARY FOR DAL FALCO. EMBASSY MAY INFORM DAL FALCO IN ADVANCE OF RECEIPT OF LETTER IF SO INCLINED.

2. HEW PROPOSES A DRAFT ITINERARY FOR DAL FALCO AS FOLLOWS: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: A.M., MEET WITH HEW
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OFFICIALS; 12:00 - 1:45 MEET AND LUNCH WITH SECRETARY CALIFANO; P.M., STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THE HILL, SELECTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: A.M AT NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE; P.M. AT NATIONAL HEART, LUNG AND BLOOD INSTITUTE. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: A.M., VISIT TO FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION; P.M., VISIT TO

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ALCOHOL, DRUG ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION. HEW WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DISCUSSING THIS PROPOSED ITINERARY WITH DAL FALCO; IT CAN BE REVISED AS NEEDED TO MEET HIS INTERESTS. HEW UNDERSTANDS THAT DAL FALCO ALSO PLANS TO VISIT ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK AND CORNELL MEDICAL SCHOOL. IS DAL FALCO ARRANGING THESE VISITS HIMSELF OR WOULD HE LIKE HEW ASSISTANCE IN DOING SO? IF THE LATTER, HEW WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON ANY PARTICULAR INTERESTS AND WHOM HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE. HEW WOULD ALSO LIKE INFORMATION ON WHO WILL BE IN DAL FALCO'S PARTY ON VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

3. CALIFANO NOW PLANS TO VISIT ITALY IN NOVEMBER (RATHER THAN OCTOBER AS STATED IN REFTEL); SPECIFICALLY, SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE BY EMBASSY AND ITALIANS, HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN ROME EVENING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9; SPEND NOVEMBER 10, 11, 12 AND 13 IN ITALY, AND DEPART ON EVENING OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13. THIS TIMING WILL PERMIT CALIFANO TO GO TO WORLD CONGRESS ON ARTERIOSCLEROSIS, MILAN, AS PROPOSED BY DR. PAOLETTI (SEE REFTEL MILAN 1032) TO RECEIVE ITALIAN MEDAL HONORING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL HEART INSTITUTE. ON RECEIVING MEDAL, CALIFANO WILL BE PREPARED TO TALK FOR 20-30 MINUTES ON THE APPLI-CATION OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH CONCEPTS IN THE U.S., AS PROPOSED BY PAOLETTI. CALIFANO ALSO AGREES WITH PAOLETTI'S SUGGESTIONS THAT CALIFANO VISIT SORRENTO, UNCLASSIFIED

THE CITY OF HIS GRANDFATHER, JOHN CALIFANO, AND HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE. CALIFANO OF COURSE WOULD ALSO PLAN TO MEET IN ROME WITH DAL FALCO AND OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

5. FRANCO FOSCHI, UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS WRITTEN CALIFANO, PROPOSING THAT THEY MEET DURING CALIFANO'S VISIT TO ITALY. (FOSCHI HAD WANTED TO MEET WITH CALIFANO DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN MAY, BUT CALIFANO HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE HIM AT THAT TIME.) IN HIS LETTER, FOSCHI, WHO HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.S.-ITALY AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY, THANKS CALIFANO FOR THE EFFORTS HE IS MAKING TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF THE NECESSARY IMPLE-MENTING LEGISLATION. HEW UNDERSTANDS THAT FOSCHI IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOREIGN RELATIONS ASPECTS OF SOCIAL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT, AND CALIFANO IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT HIS PROPOSAL THAT THEY MEET TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. CALIFANO IS THEREFORE REPLYING TO FOSCHI THAT HE WILL INCLUDE A MEETING WITH HIM IN HIS ITINERARY. HEW WOULD APPRECIATE

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EMBASSY VIEW ON WHETHER CALIFANO SHOULD ALSO CALL ON THE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

6. HEW WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN DISCUSSING
PROPOSED ITINERARY WITH DAL FALCO AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
ITALIAN OFFICIALS. CALIFANO HAS ASKED TWO AIDES TO VISIT
ROME IN OCTOBER TO MAKE ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS
VISIT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE EMBASSY. THESE OFFICIALS
ARE MR. THOMAS L. JOHNS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY, HEW, AND DR. MICHAEL MCGINNIS, CONSULTANT TO
THE SECRETARY. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE IN ROME THE EVENING
OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 AND DEPART EVENING OF THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 13. MR. JOHNS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH LOGISTICAL
AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND DR. MCGINNIS WITH ARRANGING
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FOR SUBSTANTIVE AND TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. INFORMATION
ON PLANE FLIGHT NUMBERS AND TIMES FOR JOHNS AND MCGINNIS
WILL BE SENT EMBASSY AT A LATER DATE.

7. PRIOR TO VISIT ITALY, CALIFANO WILL VISIT THE U.K.,
NOVEMBER 6-9 TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL HEALTH
INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS IN THE U.K. CHRISTOPHER

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